

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Quarterly Report #8
to the Federal Communications Commission
Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau
Regarding Progress in Deployment of a Public Safety LTE Broadband Wireless Network
April 12, 2012

I. Planning

Expected timing for development and issuance of any RFI/RFP

A. Expected timing for RFI/RFP

- 1. When will RFI or RFP be issued (any progress or outcome)?*
- 2. If the RFI or RFP has been issued, what is the timing of the response window and the succeeding timing for a decision by the Waiver recipient?*

The New Jersey Office of Information Technology (OIT) released an RFP on July 7th. Bids were received on November 25th. After careful review the State determined that it was unable to award a contract to any of the respondents. The State plans to reissue a new RFP. The State has submitted a request for an extension to the NTIA which, if approved, will provide sufficient time to move forward with an RFP and implementation plan that satisfies both, the Broadband Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant requirements, and the national network vision set forth in the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012

II. Funding

Status of efforts to obtain funding for planning and/or deployment, including budgeting, assessments, grants or other means

- A. Briefly describe any efforts to obtain funding (e.g., BTOP application) for the Project*
- B. Briefly describe Recipient's current funding plan and expected funding timeline*

The State of New Jersey was awarded \$39.6 million from BTOP to create a 700MHz LTE wireless public safety network in the UASI region of the state. If approved the two year extension will allow New Jersey sufficient time to align the use of BTOP funds in accordance with the technical and other requirements that may be established by FirstNet.

III. Deployment

Status of equipment development and purchase, including number of devices and users

- A. Identify any completed efforts at equipment development*
- B. Describe any equipment purchases, including types, numbers of devices and who will be the proposed users*

No purchases have been made at this time.

Site development, including use of existing towers

- A. How many sites currently exist in the Project area?*

There are 114 existing tower sites in the project area.

- B. How many new sites may be needed and will such new builds require additional time for permitting which could delay deployment?*

At this time we do not anticipate building additional tower sites.

C. Are there any rights of way issues related to the sites which could pose jurisdictional issues and result in delays?

At this time the State does not expect any rights of way issues.

D. What is the status of site acquisition or development (e.g. number of sites completed and ready for equipment deployment, number in progress, number not yet started)?

As part of the go forward plan, the State will conduct site acquisition activities, including, but not limited to site identification services, structural and electrical assessment surveys.

Deployments and upgrades (commencement and completion), including site information and location

A. Expected construction/deployment timeline

The State plans to start site evaluation work during the second quarter of 2012. The State expects RAN construction to begin in mid 2013, which the State believes will allow sufficient time for New Jersey to comply with technical specifications specified for the nation network. The State projects completion by August 2015.

B. Interoperability Showing (Confirm submittal of copy to FCC and PSST)

The RFP will require that the winning contractor adhere to the standards put forth by the FCC and demonstrate interoperability in testing phase, including any interoperability showing required by controlling authority.

C. Confirm access to all public safety entities in your geographic area (Order para. 54)

Geographic coverage requirements will be mandated in the RFP specification. All public safety entities will have access to the spectrum. Coverage certification will be included in the contractor's testing phase. Roaming agreements may be used to fill holes in coverage area.

PLMN ID

On January 9, 2012, the FCC Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) issued the PLMN ID Order (*See Requests for Waiver of Various Petitioners to Allow the Establishment of 700 MHz Interoperable Public Safety Wireless Broadband Networks*, PS Docket 06-229, *Order*, DA12-25, (PSHSB rel. Jan. 9, 2012) (*PLMN ID Order*)), requiring Waiver Recipients to submit their choice of numbering administrator for approval and, provided that the Bureau approves the submission, complete the development of a numbering scheme by March 31, 2012.

On February 8, 2012, all twenty-one Waiver Recipients filed a joint request asking the Bureau to approve the selection of Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) as the numbering administrator.

On March 16, 2012, the Bureau issued an Order (*See Requests for Waiver of Various Petitioners to Allow the Establishment of 700 MHz Interoperable Public Safety Wireless Broadband Networks*, PS Docket 06-229, *Order*, DA12-423, (PSHSB rel. March 16, 2012)), approving SAIC to serve as the common numbering administrator.

The Waiver Recipients, through the Operator Advisory Committee, diligently worked with SAIC on the development of the numbering scheme.

The State of New Jersey verifies that, through the Operator Advisory Committee, it completed the development the numbering scheme by the March 31, 2012 deadline as required by the PLMN ID Order.

The State of New Jersey also verifies that there is no new information regarding SAIC's licenses or affiliations that might call into question its ability to serve as a fair and impartial administrator.